1) With what divine and fair crowns 

of praise shall we crown our three venerable teachers? Who, after the body, were far apart, yet in the Spirit were bound as one; the foremost among God-bearing Fathers; the servants and peers in number of the Trinity; the stars that shine with unending light throughout the world,
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the Church's towering pillars, who because they triumphed have been crowned with crowns of glory by Christ, our immortal God, Who granteth Great Mercy to the world.

2) With what sweet beauty of hymnos, nobody shall we laurel the God-bearing Fathers? who are holy Heaven's interatiates and Orthodox y's ambassadors; those all uncorrupt ed theologians: great Basil, the skilled revealer.

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of God's mysteries; divine and
divinely speaking Father Gregory;
with him whose tongue was all golden, John, the celestial;
they were rightly glorified by
our Lord God, the Trinity, Who
granted Great Mercy to the world.

3) With what high words of encouragement shall we offer our praise
to the hierarchs? they are the Apostles' true peers

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in grace, equally honored with them

in gifts; destroyers of godless irreligion; the saviors and expert guides in both their words and deeds; the shepherds who imitated Christ through fervent faith;

the truly heavenly mortals and the earthly__

Angels, whom the Lord of Glory, Christ God,

hath honored and magnified, Who

granteth Great Mercy to the world.

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4) With what divine and fair crowns of praise shall we crown John whose discourse was golden, with the holy Basil and Gregory? they are the Spirit's august vessels, the steadfast defenders of the true Faith, the pillars of holy Church, the staff of faithful men, the consolation of all them that sin,
pure springs that gush forth with water, where-from as we draw forth, we are filled with sweetness of soul,
be-seeking forgiveness of our failings while seeking Great Mercy.